

ALLIES PIERCE SECOND LINE IN BELGIUM; LILLE TAKEN

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Kilometers (three and three quarter miles), the statement said.
"North of Dixmude, the Belgians crossed the Yser and occupied Schoor- bakke. The British crossed the Lys and pushed beyond Menin to the depth of several kilometers, along the right bank.
"The Belgians captured Thourout, and the French captured Lichtervelde and Ardoye. The British occupied Menin and, according to the latest reports, entered Courtrai.
"A total of over twenty villages have been delivered from the enemy. No figures are available regarding prisoners and booty."

FRENCH MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FOE

PARIS, Oct. 17.—French troops maintained contact with the Germans last night on the whole front between the Oise and the Sere rivers, the war office announced today.
"During the night we maintained contact on all the front between the Oise and the Sere," the communique said.
"There was considerable machine gun and artillery activity."

ALLIES THREATEN BELGIAN COAST

PARIS, Oct. 17.—Lille, Tourcoing, and Roubaix are in precisely the same fix as Leuven was a week ago on the verge of falling.
King Albert's troops, composed of stubborn Belgians, French and British, are threatening Ostend and the entire coast in that region.
The British practically hold Douai, while in the Champagne French and Americans are steadily marching northward in the direction of Metz.
The allies are flattening out the Hun opposition all along the line.

BRITISH ADVANCE IN ASIA MINOR

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Capture of Homs, in Asia Minor, has brought the British to within 100 miles of the great center of Aleppo, which is one of the principal defenses of Constantinople from the south.

SERBIANS TAKE ANOTHER TOWN

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Serbian troops have captured the town of Aleksinat, twenty miles northwest of Nish, the Serbian war office announced today.
The French occupied First, thirty-five miles southeast of Nish.
"On Tuesday we occupied Mt. Kres- al-Baba, the town of Aleksinat, Mt.

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GERMANS, AWAITING ARMISTICE, ARE CAPTURED

WITH THE AMERICANS AT GRAND PRE, Oct. 17.—According to prisoners, the Germans expected an armistice to go into effect at 3:30 Monday afternoon. They were amazed when our artillery fire increased and the infantry attacked.
Many who expected to be fraternizing with the Americans are now prisoners.

Kastrebats, and the village of Zlatara," the statement said.
"French cavalry captured Piot."

BOLSHEVIKI ATTACK ALLIES ON DVINA

ARCHANGEL, Oct. 17.—Both banks of the Divina river, in the north Russian fighting zone, 160 miles north of Kefians, are the scene of heavy fighting, following an attack by Bolshe- viki forces on allied troops, including Americans.
The Americans and Russians have advanced in the direction of Welok, northeast of Volodga.
The Bolsheviki with massed forces are striving to regain the positions which were won after hard-fought struggles by Americans and Scotch on September 21. Under an almost constant bombardment for more than a week, the allies have repulsed many infantry attacks and inflicted considerable losses. These positions include villages on opposite sides of the Divina river, some of which are on a high bluff at a strategic bend in the stream. Around this bend Bolsheviki gunboats, protected by mine fields and a low, sandy island, have delivered a bombardment with shells of all calibers.

NOTED AVIATOR KILLED

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.—Lieut. Rol- and G. Garros, the noted French avia- tor, who was posted as missing on Oc- tober 7, after a flight over the German lines, was shot down and killed Oc- tober 4, a Berlin message today an- nounced. He was a widely known aviator before the war, taking part in many important competitions, includ- ing those at many American cities.

GERMANY READY TO CONCEDE FURTHER

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proclaimed and that Croatia had de- cided to break away from Hungary were regarded as significant in White House circles.

GERMAN BOLSHEVIKI THREATEN REVOLT

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Unless peace is effected immediately a Bolsheviki revolution will break out in Germany, according to dispatches received here today from sources said to be authori- tative.
The dispatches were received by the Express from Amsterdam; the Daily News from Stockholm, and the Chronicle, from Geneva. All came from their staff correspondents.
Bolshevism has been noted among the industrial classes. The regular Socialists are alarmed, and have drawn up a government, which they will seek to establish in the event of the Kaiser's abdication, hoping to head off anarchy and bolshevism.

CROATIA TO BREAK FROM HUNGARY

BASEL, Oct. 17.—Croatia has de- cided to declare her independence and proclaim a separation from Hungary, said a Budapest dispatch to the Frank- furter Zeitung today.
Croatia comprises the western half of the Hungarian crown land of Croatia-Slavonia. The Croatia rose in revolution in 1848, but were suppress- ed.

FURTHER RUMORS EXCITE LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 17.—A rumor that Germany's terms of capitulation are in the hands of President Wilson was received here in a radiogram today, but it was absolutely without con- firmation.
So various have become the reports affecting Germany that the press bu-

Beware of Germany's Peace Traps, Warning Of Italian Mothers

ROME, Oct. 17.—The Federa- tion of Italian Mothers has issued a manifesto inviting mothers to urge their sons and husbands to beware of German peace traps.

reau issued a statement saying that the rumors of Germany's capitulation were unfounded.
The Chronicle in commenting upon the capitulation rumors, took a skepti- cal view, saying:
"There is no real evidence of de- terioration in the German military. We must not relax the intensity of our efforts."

New and Untried.
The Post disagreed to comment upon certain of President Wilson's peace principles, saying:
"We should treat President Wil- son's proposition for a league of na- tions with respect, but we should not forget it is new and untried. While defending the hypothesis, we must not surrender our well-earned and trusted weapons—the army and navy."

"All rumors show that the end is near," says the Daily News. "The Kaiser's curtailing of his war-making activities by the army and navy."
"Peace is comparatively near," the Times says.
The Telegraph, however, takes the stand that the enemy has not yet been brought to the point of despair where he will surrender uncondi- tionally.

There were further evidences of unrest in Germany today both among the civil population and the army.
An Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily Express said that "it could be authorized to establish in the event of a German peace in a few days or there would be a revolution." A Ger- man regiment was reported to have mutinied at Aix-la-Chapelle and shot its captain.

The German press was greatly stirred by President Wilson's note, involving, as it does, the position of the Kaiser.
"Die for Kaiser,"
The Kreutz Zeitung, organ of the junkers and the pan-Germans, urges Germans "to stand or die for the Kaiser."

BOHEMIAN CZECHS START REPUBLIC

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 17.—The Czechoslovakia in Bohemia (Austria) proclaimed a republic yesterday at Prague, wires the Berlin correspond- ent of the National Tidende.

INDEPENDENCE OF POLAND DECREED

ZURICH, Oct. 17.—The independence of Poland was proclaimed at Warsaw on Monday, according to information received here today.
There was a procession in the streets of the city.

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BUNDESRATH LIMITS POWERS OF KAISER

Definite steps toward such a de- mocratization of the German govern- ment as will be necessary before the allies will consider the time safe for peace negotiations have already been taken by Germany, according to dis- patches received here from Copen- hagen.

The Bundesrath, the upper branch of the German legislature, composed of virtually diplomatic representa- tives of the various states forming the German confederation, is reported to have accepted an amendment to the constitution which requires the consent of both the Bundesrath and the Reichstag, the lower legislative branch, for a declaration of war, ex- cept in a case where the territory has been invaded or the coasts attacked.

The amendment also requires the consent of both legislative branches for the signing of treaties of peace and treaties with foreign states which deal with affairs coming under the competence of the law-giving bodies.
The second indication of the trend toward democratization is the an- nouncement that the conservative faction of the Prussian Diet, Prus- sia's lower legislative branch, are willing to abandon their opposition to the equal franchise in Prussia, in ac- cordance with the latest decision of their friends in the House of Lords, the upper legislative branch, "in order to assure a harmonious front against the outside world."

The third indication of democratiza- tion is the issuance of a decree by the Kaiser stating that martial law in Germany can be administered only by an agreement between the civil and military authorities.

The constitutional amendment ac- cepted by the Bundesrath takes from the Kaiser his greatest autocratic weapon—the power of alone declaring war and of alone deciding terms of peace. It meets partially the demand of President Wilson that such gov- ernmental changes be made as will make it impossible in the future for a single man to upset the peace of the world. But, officials here state, the Kaiser will not be entirely shorn of his power and autocracy will not be entirely overthrown until clear guarantees are given that the chan- cellor, now appointed by the Kaiser and responsible only to him, is re- sponsible to the Reichstag, which in turn represents the people.

The attitude of the conservative faction of the Prussian diet means the removal of the last obstacle to the antiquated three-class franchise which has made it possible for the junkers to rule Prussia and thereby to rule all Germany, Prussia, having a preponderating voice in the affairs of government.

Emperor William's martial law de- cree in a fashion settles the long dis- pute between the military and civil authorities, giving them equal power, whereas the entire power heretofore has rested with the military authori- ties, who have exercised it tyranni- cally.

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PRESIDENT'S REPLY DISCOURAGES FOE

Comment of the German press which reached Washington today from Berne shows that President Wilson's decision resulted in a great disillusionment throughout all Germany. Putting aside the Pan-German press which voices extreme indignation and assails the President the great mass of the German newspapers especially those that represent the Reichstag major- ity give way to discouragement. Their entire tone is very pessimistic, al- though they insist that the war must go on. Many of the papers urge that a reply be framed which will reopen the correspondence. The Post, organ of the conservative party, says that President Wilson has slapped Germany in the face. The Deutsche Tages Zei- tung says even a republican govern- ment could not consent to what Wil- son exacts.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "The note will cause more than one disillusionment in Germany, but after the events of the last few months it was to be expected that it would not be made easy for us. To negotiate, our rulers, who know what is best for our people, must not be led away by the meaning of the terms of the note, but must do what they hold to be just after considering the entire situation."

The Voessische Zeitung says: "The tone of the note certainly does not make it easy for the German people to take part in pour parlers. It appears from Wilson's explanation that he wishes to prolong the discussion. The only result of his note will be to make delay."
The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "Wilson's answer ar- rived sooner than was expected. A new answer from the German govern- ment will be necessary so that the practical aim of these explanations which is to bring about an armistice and open peace negotiations will not be immediately reached. Wilson lays down a new principle when he says that the situation which the evacua- tion shall determine will have to leave untouched the present military supre- macy of the Entente. Before an answer is made to Wilson's note it is absolutely necessary that serious de- liberations shall take place. The Ger- man government will still be influ- enced by his conciliatory spirit and his wish to stop the bloodshed if in his decision he will first consider the German interests."

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BRITISH TAKE TRIPOLI

LONDON, Oct. 17.—British cavalry has occupied Tripoli, forty-five miles north of Beirut, and Hama, about eighty-five miles north of Damascus, according to an official statement on operations in Palestine.
"On the occupation of Beirut by our troops October 8, sixty Turkish offi- cers and 800 men of other ranks were made prisoner. Hailbek was entered by our armored car batteries October 9, and it was ascertained that a force of about 500 Turks had surrendered to the local inhabitants.
"Our advanced cavalry and armored cars also occupied Tripoli Sunday and Tama Tuesday without opposition, the latter town having been reported by our air service as evacuated and in flames October 12."

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